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SUBJECT: GREECE AND NATO

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1. WE AGREE THAT IT IS ILLOGICAL FOR GREECE TO RETAIN  
MEMBERSHIP IN MILITARY COMMITTEE WHILE DISASSOCIATING  
ITSELF FROM THE DPC AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. AT THE SAME  
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TIME, WE THINK IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ENCOURAGE GREECE

TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC), OR TO HOLD UP FRENCH EXAMPLE OF MAINTAINING A LIAISON WITH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AS A MODEL FOR GREECE, AS LUNS PROPOSES TO DO. WE DOUBT GREECE WILL BE OBSTRUCTIONIST IN THE NEAR TERM IN THE MC; IF THIS PROVES TO BE THE CASE, WE CAN RAISE THE ISSUE OF GREEK MEMBERSHIP AS LUNS SUGGESTS. FURTHER, WE THINK GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN MC MAY PROVIDE SOME STABILIZING INFLUENCE ON GREEK MILITARY, CAN SERVE TO KEEP GREECE'S FOOT IN THE DOOR TO COORDINATION WITH NATO ON MILITARY QUESTIONS, AND MAY PROVE IMPORTANT AS MECHANISM FOR KEEPING FACILITIES IN GREECE AVAILABLE TO OTHER ALLIES. FINALLY, WE STRONGLY PREFER AT PRESENT TO LET GREECE TAKE THE INITIATIVE ON STEPS IN THE DIRECTION OF FURTHER WITHDRAWAL, AND TO PUT NO PRESSURE WHATSOEVER ON THE GREEKS TO FORMALIZE FURTHER THEIR EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO.

2. ON GENERAL QUESTION OF FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO AS A MODEL FOR GREECE, FRANCE AS AN INDUSTRIALIZED NATION WITH ADVANCED ARMAMENTS INDUSTRIES, MILITARY ACADEMIES, AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COULD AFFORD TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO MILITARY ACTIVITIES WITH LIMITED DAMAGE TO ITS NATIONAL DEFENSE STRUCTURE. IF GREECE FULLY FOLLOWED FRENCH EXAMPLE, EFFECTS ON ITS ARMED FORCES WOULD OVER TIME BE MUCH MORE SIGNIFICANT. IN SHORT, APART FROM SPECIFIC QUESTION OF GREEK ROLE ON MILITARY COMMITTEE, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO GIVE GREECE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO FOLLOW FRENCH MODEL, AND WOULD HOPE THAT OVER TIME GREEKS WILL RECOGNIZE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEIR CASE AND FRANCE'S.

3. MISSION SHOULD URGE LUNS AND OTHER PERMREPS TO LIMIT PROBING OF GREEKS ON THEIR NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO, AND SEEK TO CHANNEL ALLIED CONSIDERATION OF GREEK WITHDRAWAL IN A MANNER WHICH WILL NOT FORCE GREEKS TO FORMALIZE THEIR POSITIONS ANY FURTHER THAN THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE.

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